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REPORT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE
COVERING FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1947

Paid civilian employment in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government as reported to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service by the Departments and agencies for September, 1947, the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 1947-48, totalled 2,021,760. This is a reduction of 32,348, or slightly more than 1.5 percent below the reported August federal employment of 2,054,108.

War service and temporary employees on the Federal payroll in September totalled 818,840, or 40.5% of the total civilian employment reported by all agencies. The ratio of war service and temporary employees to career employees decreased only one-half of one percent during September.

The Bureau of the Budget, Department of the Treasury, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, U. S. Civil Service Commission, and the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics were among agencies reporting increases in employment.

The Department of the Navy with a decrease of 7,338 employees, the War Department with a reduction of 5,665 employees, and the Department of Agriculture with 4,721 decrease in employment, reported the largest curtailment for September.

Other substantial reductions for September were: War Assets Administration, 3670; Veterans Administration, 3055; Department of the Interior, 2303; U. S. Maritime Commission, 2154, and the Office of Housing Expediter, 1379.

Employment in the Washington metropolitan area declined from 196,033 in August to 193,647 in September.

Employment outside the continental United States declined from 270,331 to 238,834.

Changes in civilian employment during September for the larger agencies are shown in Exhibit "A".

The ratio of war service and temporary employees to permanent employees by major agencies is shown in Exhibit "B".